

Weather Briefing  
January 26, 2011 at 08:30

The precipitation started earlier this morning than expected.

Temperatures for Sussex are in the low 30s, and New Castle County 30 to 31 degrees.

It is now raining in Sussex and Kent Counties and a mix in Northern Kent County and New Castle County. This precipitation will taper off near mid-day today and we should not see any major accumulations.

Late this afternoon or possibly during the rush hour precipitation will come in again. A winter weather advisory is in effect for Sussex County.

Winds will go from East to North East and gusting 20 mph or higher. Later the winds will increase and we could see gusts of 45 mph or greater. The winds will shift to North by 1 am and around to the North West by around 4 am.

Snow accumulation may be 4 to 8 inches in New Castle County, 3 to 6 in Northern Kent County with less in the south, and 1 to 3 in Sussex County. Heaviest snow accumulation for Sussex should be in the North and West areas of the County. Lesser amounts should be seen along the coast with higher amounts inland.

Tides are currently low with  $\frac{1}{2}$ ' anomaly. They may go to 1 or  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ' above normal. It is possible for minor tidal flooding.

There may be times when Northern Kent County and New Castle County could see 1 to 2 inches of snow an hour depending on where the snow bands set up. Snow should wrap up by morning commute tomorrow,

There is the possibility for Ice, Sleet, or Freezing Rain to occur during the transition but the Weather Service believes the temperatures will change and this should not be an issue.

At the time of the call, it was raining and Sussex County was reporting no issues. Kent County reported rain and some winter mix and no problems

reported. New Castle County and the City of Wilmington reported a coating on the roadways, traffic delays and problems getting around.

This storm is actually two systems merging, one from the south and one from the west.